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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ANNOUNCES \$8.4 MILLION GRANT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES STATEWIDE

SACRAMENTO – Governor Schwarzenegger today announced the award of \$8.4 million to fund special programs statewide that will assist job seekers and retrain existing workers in high-growth and high wage sectors of the economy.

“The programs funded through this grant will focus on two specific areas,” said California Labor Secretary Victoria Bradshaw. “One group of grants will prepare job seekers for high-wage, high skill jobs that help California’s businesses succeed and expand. The second group of grants will provide customized services and training to remove barriers for the special needs population.”

All of the entities receiving awards have committed to cash matches totaling \$7.4 million that will enhance the projects and the outcomes.

The high-wage, high-skill projects assist high-growth industries which are expected to play a major role in the expansion of California’s economy and where current skill shortages are hampering business development. For example, programs funded under this grant will work with the construction industry to identify employers ready to hire trainees as they complete the program.

“These grants represent one more important step in helping our California workforce remain competitive in a global economy,” said Employment Development Department Director Patrick Henning.

The projects involved with removing barriers to employment include working with high-risk youth, with people living in impoverished neighborhoods, and in rural areas with high unemployment rates. The customized services and training provided focuses on skills necessary for entry level jobs or upgrading skill levels for high demand occupations.

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These programs are expected to run for 24 months, from March 2005 through February 2007.

Funding for the programs is drawn from the Governor's 15 percent portion of the federal Workforce Investment Act and federal Wagner-Peyser Act 10 percent monies, and is administered by the state's Employment Development Department.

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Governor's Award Announcement

Growth Industries - High Wage, High Skill Job Training

Grantee	County	WIA 15 Percent Amount	Wagner Peyser Amount	Total
San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council Training	San Diego	\$700,000	\$100,000	\$800,000
Long Beach City College	Los Angeles	\$721,844	\$77,792	\$799,636
Linking Education and Economic Development of Sacramento (LEED)	Sacramento	\$720,000	\$80,000	\$800,000
Managed Career Solutions, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$684,000	\$76,000	\$760,000
City College of San Francisco	San Francisco	\$779,067	\$0	\$779,067
Total		\$3,604,911	\$333,792	\$3,938,703

Removing Barriers for Special Needs Populations

Central Valley Opportunity Center	Merced	\$106,500	\$54,790	\$161,290
Chrysalis	Los Angeles	\$249,444	\$150,556	\$400,000
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission	Fresno	\$668,682	\$131,318	\$800,000
Farmworker Institute for Education & Leadership Development	Kern	\$328,000	\$72,000	\$400,000
Jewish Vocational Service San Francisco	San Francisco	\$732,530	\$67,470	\$800,000
Lao Family Community Development, Incorporated	Alameda	\$720,000	\$80,000	\$800,000
Positive Resource Center	San Francisco	\$312,227	\$10,500	\$322,727
Santa Ana City	Orange	\$720,000	\$80,000	\$800,000
Total		\$3,837,383	\$646,634	\$4,484,017

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Total	\$7,442,294	\$980,426	\$8,422,720